

UNITED STATES SECRET SERVICE
TREASURY DEPARTMENT

ORIGIN: PRS OFFICE: New York, New York FILE NO. CO-2-42189

TYPE OF CASE	STATUS	TITLE OR CAPTION
Protective Research	Closed	Person Identified:
INVESTIGATION MADE AT	PERIOD COVERED	Name : Freds Launags
New York, New York	10/25/65 to 12/29/65	Address: 250 West 94th Street
INVESTIGATION MADE BY		Apartment 8H
Special Agent Robert J. Cleary		New York, New York
		Type : Letter Writer
DETAILS		
SYNOPSIS		
Subject was interviewed by the reporting agent on December 29, 1965.		
(A) INTRODUCTION:		
Reference is made to O/M of Assistant Director Young, Protective Research Section, dated October 18, 1965, which was received in this office on October 25, 1965.		
(B) GENERAL INVESTIGATION:		
On November 3, 1965, the reporting agent and SA Ryan proceeded to 275 East 201 Street, in an attempt to interview the subject. It was determined at this time that the subject no longer resided at this residence. Mr. R. Bouchard, superintendent of above apartment house was interviewed and stated that subject had moved approximately five months ago and he had no idea where he was presently living.		
On this same date, Mrs. Lejins, a tenant in the building, who is familiar with the subject was also interviewed by the above agents. Mrs. Lejins stated that she was familiar with the subject since he had come from her native country, Latvia. Mrs. Lejins further stated that her husband might possibly know the whereabouts of the subject and that she would have her husband give this agent a telephone call.		
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On November 4, 1965, Mr. Lejins telephoned this office and told the reporting agent that he believed the subject was living at 760 Riverside Drive, New York City. Mr. Lejins when questioned about the subject, stated that the subject always seemed to have financial difficulties and on occasion had borrowed money from Mr. Lejins.

On November 4, 1965, the reporting agent accompanied by SA Adams proceeded to 760 Riverside Drive, New York City. The subject's name did not appear among those of the other tenants in this building, however, through investigation it was determined that the subject if not living at this building, was at least receiving his mail there in care of Mr. Bruno Smits, apartment 5H. At this time an interview with the party in apartment 5H was attempted with negative results.

Numerous attempts were made at the above apartment in order to interview Mr. Smits or the subject, all with negative results.

On December 28, 1965, the reporting agent accompanied by SA Crovatto proceeded to 760 Riverside Drive, New York City, and interviewed the above Mr. Smits in apartment 5H. Mr. Smits stated that the subject does not nor never has lived in his apartment. However, the subject did use Mr. Smits' address as a mail drop. Mr. Smits was quite familiar with the subject since they both came from the town of Riga in Latvia. Mr. Smits said that the subject appeared to be normal except when discussing the Communist problem in Latvia at which time the subject became quite violently opposed to the Communists. Mr. Smits further stated that he believed the subject to have been committed to a mental hospital in Sweden sometime in the early 1950's. Mr. Smits stated that occasionally he would meet the subject at various places and deliver the subject's mail to him. He said that he did not know where the subject was living but that he did have a telephone number by which he reached the subject. This number was in the name of Mrs. Brente and the number was MO 3-3090.

Investigation determined that this number was registered to a Mrs. Xania Brente of 250 West 94th Street, New York City.

On December 29, 1965, the reporting agent accompanied by SA Crovatto proceeded to 240 West 94th Street, New York City, in an attempt to interview the subject. It was determined at this time that Mrs. Brente's real name is Mrs. Arthur Charles residing in apartment 8H at the above address.

(C) IDENTITY AND BACKGROUND OF SUBJECT:

The subject, Freds Launags, is presently residing at 250 West 94th Street, Apartment 8H, care of Mrs. Arthur Charles. The subject previously lived at 275 East 201 Street, Bronx, New York.

The subject is described as male, white, 5-11, 155, black hair with receding hairline, fair complexion, medium build, wears glasses, DOB 6/7/19, place of birth Vecpiebalga, Latvia. He is a citizen of the United States.

The subject attended the University of Latvia for approximately two years pursuing as a main course of study the field of agriculture. The subject is divorced and has two children. His wife's maiden name is Timara Dance. She is a dentist, presently residing in Lancaster, Pa. His two children Valdis and Laina are living with his former wife in Lancaster. The subject also has a sister, Ingrid Vitola living in Adelaide, Australia. The subject stated that he did not know his parents location nor did he know whether they are alive or not.

The subject had no formal military training, however, he was a member of a guerrilla force which fought in Latvia.

At the present the financial status of the subject would not appear to be very solvent since he is unemployed.

A check with the Bureau of Criminal Identification by the reporting agent on December 29, 1965, disclosed that the subject was not of record with the New York City Police Department.

As far as could be determined, the subject does not have any subversive affiliations.

The subject owns a Royal typewriter and is proficient with same. The serial number of this typewriter was unable to be ascertained. A typewritten sample from this typewriter is enclosed.

The subject stated that he was committed to the George Washington Hospital in Washington, D. C. November 1959 for what he described as an emotional disturbance. He also stated that in 1951 he was committed to a hospital in Sweden for a similar disorder. As far as the subject knows, no other members of the family have had any mental disorders.

The subject stated that he has written to other Government officials namely Chief Justice Earl Warren, U. S. Supreme Court and to Congressman Joseph Clark, Philadelphia. These letters according to the subject did not contain any threats.

(D) INTERVIEW WITH SUBJECT:

On December 29, 1965, the subject was interviewed by this agent and SA Crovatto at 250 West 94th Street, Apt. 8H. During the interview the subject was very cooperative and furnished all information that was requested of him. The main complaint of the subject appears to be the fact that he believes representatives of this Government have been constantly following him and his former family. Upon questioning he stated that he was not sure that it was the United States Government representatives that were following him but he just assumed this.

The subject stated that he no longer intended to write to the President and in fact turned over a letter with an addressed envelope to the President of the United States (attached) in which he stated that he no longer intended to communicate with the President. A typewriting specimen was obtained from the above mentioned Royal typewriter.

(E) CONCLUSIONS:

The subject's conduct does not appear to be irrational, nor does he appear to have any violent disagreements with the President. The subject, when interviewed, displayed no tendencies that might be construed as a potential danger to the President of the United States. The only undesirable conduct that might be expected is more letters even though the subject stated that he did not intend to write any more letters. It is the opinion of this agent that periodic checkups should not be maintained unless more letters are received from the subject.

(F) DISPOSITION:

This case will be considered closed. Additional letter to the President and typewriting specimen are attached. A photograph of the subject will be forwarded.